



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

May 9, 2001

Todd D. Gray, Esq.
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Re: MUR 5087
(South Carolina Education Television Commission)

Dear Mr. Gray:

On September 12, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, Paul Amos President of the South Carolina Education Television Commission, a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against you. See enclosed narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 9, 2001.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth F. Williams on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. Our local number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff Jordan", is written over the typed name.

Jeff Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure
Narrative

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SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION TELEVISION

George C. Taylor, a congressional candidate for South Carolina's second district, alleged that South Carolina Education Television ("SCETV") and the League of Women Voters of South Carolina ("LWVSC") were using a subjective opinion poll to choose which candidates could participate in a debate, thereby excluding him from participation. Mr. Taylor subsequently attempted to withdraw his complaint stating that the LWVSC "dropped" the use of the opinion poll.

Both LWVSC and SCETV responded that the criteria did not violate FECA.

This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission and remedial action was taken.

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